CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Image 5
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1001276.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	10 September 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printout contains a montage of 15 small colour images in various styles that depict sexual activity involving children. The publication can have no other purpose than the sexual arousal of adults with a prurient interest in children. It encourages adults to view children as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. It legitimises a sexual interest in children and encourages their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that fall under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 will be deemed objectionable. The classification is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable children from exploitation.